

Congresswoman will meet with young adults at Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota on August 5

Washington, DC – Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) today announced the U.S. House of Representatives has approved \$450,000 for the rehabilitation of homes at the Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, which provides services for homeless and runaway youth, as part of the *FY2010 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act* (H.R.3293). Congresswoman McCollum will visit the homes and meet with youth and staff on Wednesday, August 5, 2009.

“We have children in our community who are in dire need of the services provided by the Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. These federal funds will help to enhance the physical and emotional safety of these young people,” Congresswoman McCollum said.

The Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota provides transitional living programs, temporary shelter for homeless teen mothers and their children and street outreach services to meet the needs of homeless and runaway youth in St. Paul, Ramsey County and the broader Twin Cities Area. A major concern is the organization’s homes that are in need of significant repairs. Upon final authorization of the funding in the appropriations bill, which is still pending a vote by the U.S. Senate and the signature of President Obama, the Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota will use the infusion of funds to make safety and security modifications that will help administrators and counselors better work with homeless youth as they transition to a stable community.

Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-4) serves on the House Appropriations & Budget Committees.

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